(c) to (e) The prices of petrol and diesel were reduced on 30.11.2006. It was again reduced on 16.2.2007. The reduction was Rs. 2/- per litre and Re. 1/- per litre (in Delhi) for petrol and diesel respectively on each occasion. It may be noted that the prices of domestic LPG were last revised on 5.11.2004. However, the basic price of PDS Kerosene has not been revised since 1.4.2002.

Subsidy on Kerosene and domestic LPG

224. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount which Government and each of the Petroleum companies are suffering due to hike in petroleum prices during the last 3 years, year-wise till date; and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the total amount paid as subsidy towards kerosene and cooking gas during the above mentioned period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The gross under recoveries of oil marketing companies on sale of sensitive petroleum products, *i.e.* petrol, diesel, PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG are given as under:

(Rs.in Crores)

Under Recovery	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (Estimated)	Apr-Dec'06 (Provisional)
PDS Kerosene	3751	9480	14384	14104
Domestic LPG	5523	8362	10246	7738
Total on PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG	9274	17842	24630	21842
On petrol and diesel	-	2304	15370	19406
Total	9274	20146	40000	41248

*Gross under recoveries without considering discounts given by refineries, Oil Bonds issued by the Government and assistance given by upstream oil PSUs.

(b) The total amount paid as subsidy from fiscal budget towards PDS kerosene and domestic cooking gas is as follows:

	(Rs.in Crores)
2003-04	6292.44
2004-05	2930.31
2005-06	2661.99
2006-07 (budget)	2600.00

In addition the upstream oil companies and Government have also contributed for the under-recoveries incurred by the Oil Marketing Companies in marketing of petrol, diesel, domestic LPG and PDS kerosene as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Upstream Sharing	Government Oil Bonds
2003-04	3,123	-
2004-05	5,947	-
2005-06	14,000	11,500
Apr-Dec'06 (Prov).	14,777	19,150*

*Government has agreed to issue Oil Bonds worth Rs. 28,300 crore during the current financial year. Out of which Government has issued Oil Bonds worth Rs. 19,150 crore to OMCs till date.

Import of crude oil

225. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status/target set by petroleum oil refineries of various public and private sector oil companies;

(b) the quantum of crude that is being imported by India during the past three years and the amount spent by Government for this purpose;

(c) whether any additional refinery is being set up for which any Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?